

The LongPath

A North Alabama DX Club Publication

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- * Come to a club meeting;
- * or send in an application by mail (form on www.NADXC.org)
- * or call Tom Duncan at (256)705-2147

From the President

By Mark Brown, N4BCD

Back in the saddle but atop a lame horse. Sorry for poor analogy but it's going to take a while to recover from the devastating loss of a younger sibling. Radio seems to take a backseat to grief. I want to thank you all for your support and encouragement through a difficult time.

At the close of the W1AW Centennial in 2014 I echoed Dave Sumner K1ZZ's "What Next?" question in my January 2015 article. Also vowed in that article to re-learn CW, so for me the What Next was wading into the signals at the bottom of each band and working new countries in a new (for me) mode.

Heard through the grapevine that once John N5DF has confirmation QSL's from the recent DXpeditions to South Sandwich & South Georgia & Heard Islands, he'll have them all! So John, What Next?

Steve AG4W is answering the What Next question in yet another way. EME and 2m DXCC. STEVE PLANS TO OPERATIONAL BY SOMETIME THIS SUMMER. I'M WRITING IN ALL CAPS BECAUSE OF THE 250 dB PATH LOSS.

Many of you are directly involved in HARC

Field Day efforts and it's a pleasure to report that the Judge ruled favorably for HARC on one count of the motions before the Court. Folks remain optimistic the Court will rule in a similar fashion during the upcoming trial later this month on the remaining counts

Dayton is a short two weeks away and at lunchtime today I picked up a loaner Apache Labs radio from Gigaparts, having agreed to be one of their product spokespersons again. This year they got extra help so we all should have a few hours to actually experience Dayton.

For a final: when John does amass all the cards there's a plan to photograph the card check process at a conference room table where one card from EVERY ENTITY will be on display.

73,
Mark N4BCD
North Alabama DX Club - President

April Antennas in May

May Program by Warren Alford, KJ4RAQ

What kind of a program name is this? A little history is in order. Last month Warren came to the Golden Corral ready, willing, and able to present his program, only to be pre-empted by Ron, KB5EZ's JT-65 program. [Hence the program name—Ed.] So what's this program really about? Homebrew antennas you can bet. Dinner around 6:00, meeting at 7:00, program 7:30. See you there!



April 12th NADXC Meeting Minutes

By Kelley Vann Johns, W4VPZ, NADXC Secretary/Treasurer

Members attending: 27, no guests

Announcements

Stories of VK0EK Heard Island contacts were shared, as well as some misery of the CW:SSB operating ratios and the propagation conditions. The dxpedition will be operating maritime mobile on their return voyage.

Loss of Kingman Reef as a DXCC entity was discussed.

North Korea 3Z9DX will be active some-time mid-summer.

Our banquet room is reserved and secured with deposit for August.

The DX Club picnic will be on September 10 at the bluff pavilion in Monte Sano State Park.

Several members are planning to attend the upcoming Dayton Hamvention.

Kelley W4VPZ Treasurer's Report

The current bank balance is \$4,783.30, with some cash on hand to make change for banquet tickets.

Donation (\$100) has been made to the Juan de Nova FT4JA dxpedition.

Membership Applications

None this month.

Old Business

W4QB Repeater Status: stay tuned for updates on the feedline replacement. Ron W4VM is working on getting the work scheduled at the repeater site.

New Business

The club needs a W4QB club call sign

trustee to replace Bill KD8IGK. Mark was leaning toward entrusting this function to the currently elected Secretary / Treasurer. A motion was made to approve Kelley W4VPZ as the new trustee. The vote to approve carried by a unanimous vote.

Following the vote to incorporate, the club will now take the next steps with the same attorney Bill has retained with HARC. Opening a post office box for club use has been tabled for the time being.

Our 2016 operating budget was based on prior year actuals. This has led to a disconnect in the balance sheet related to the Banquet. The two main items responsible: 1) Bill KD8IGK used points for our speaker hotel room last year, and 2) Mark N4BCD used a Yaesu \$100 gift certificate to purchase the second prize HT. Kelley W4VPZ prepared a new budget to show a more accurate picture. The changes were approved by a club membership vote.

DX Worked

Kelley W4VPZ – ISO/OM3RM, 5JOP, E73E (ATNOs), no Heard Island

Jim N4KH – VKO, FT4

Rob K1KOB – 3 ATNOs – Heard, Juan de Nova, Ethiopia

Tim AB4B – FT4/VKO

John KR4F – FT4JA, VK0EK

Al W4ABW – FH/IK5ZUI, RI1PA, Z6OA, VK9ZK, FT4JA, VK0EK, TAO/DL7UCX (AS-201)

Jerry K4SAV – FT4JA 160-10, VK0EK 80-15, 5V7, E44, FH, FP, VK9CK

Tom KG4CUY – FT4JA

Stephen KK4TJP – FR400 Reunion, 5W1SA Samoa, 5V7D Togo

Bob KC4TNC – OH0X, Aland Island, TX7EU Marquesas

Program: JT-65 and other weak signal modes for DX'ing by Rob Suggs KB5EZ

Rolling History of Funding Requests and Grants

CY 2016 Funding requests mentioned & tabled in January:

From Dipperdx Team for sponsorship, going to activate Cocos (Keeling) Island as VK9CK in March 2016. By Morten Kvernmoen LB8DC. Request received January 8, 2016

ZL9A Antipodes Island funding request received from Cezar, VE3LYC. Request received December 7, 2015. Completed January 10, 2016

3C7GIA Equatorial Guinea. QRV dates are 4 March to 13 March. Ken - LA7GIA. A single-OP effort with a 13000 QSO goal. Request received Dec 17, 2015

CY2016 funding

\$100 to FT4JA Juan de Nova. Eight to 10 French nationals with F5UFX Seb as team lead – late March/early April. Request received September 28, 2016

CY2015 funding:

- \$125 each to Willis Island VK9WA Nov 2015
- \$125 to Palmyra Island K5P Jan 2016
- \$200 to South Sandwich VP8STI and South Georgia VP8SGI Jan/Feb 2016
- \$200 to Heard Island VK0EK Mar/Apr '16

DX Contests for May

By Chuck Lewis, N4NM

CQ-M Intl. DX Contest (CW & SSB), 160-10M

May 14, 1200Z to May 15, 1200Z

Exchange: RS(T) plus Serial #

See page 79, May QST and www.cq-m.ru

Alessandro Volta RTTY DX Contest, 80-10M

May 14, 1200Z to May 15, 1200Z

Exchange: RST, plus S/N, and CQ zone

See page 79, May QST and www.con-testvolta.com

His Majesty King of Spain Contest, (CW), 160 – 10M

May 21, 1200Z to May 22 1158Z

Exchange: RS(T) plus Serial # or EA Province

See page 79, May QST and www.concusos.ure.es/en

Baltic Contest (CW & SSB), 80/75M only

May 21, 2100Z to May 22, 0200Z

Exchange: RS(T) plus Serial #

See page 79, May QST and www.lrsf.it/bcontest/english

UN DX Contest (CW & SSB), 80-10M

May 21, 0600Z to 2100Z

Exchange: RS(T) plus serial or Kazakhstan district code

See page 79, May QST or undxc.kz/bez-rubriki/2015-2

CQ WPX CW Contest (CW), 160-10M

May. 28, 0000Z to May 29, 2359Z

Exchange: RST plus serial #

See page 79, May QST or www.cqwpix.com/rules.htm

OTHERS:

Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB

1100Z-1300Z June 11

DON'T FORGET:

Alabama QSO Party

1600Z, Jun 4 to 0400Z, Jun 5

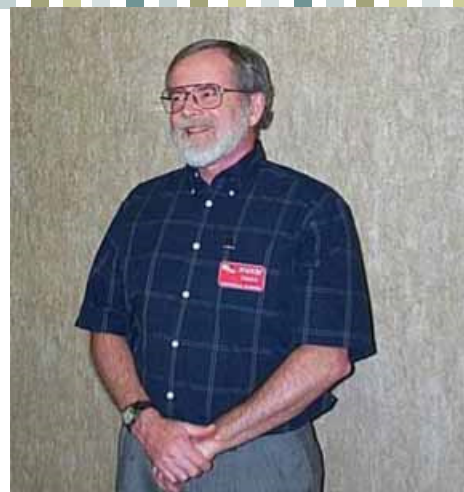
Dates & times often change or are misprinted in the journals; beware.

Chuck, N4NM

NCDXF Newsletter

By Steve Werner, AG4W

The Northern California DX Foundation is a perennial supporter of DXpeditions. Their newsletter recounts many of these adventures—and no wonder: take a gander at www.ncdxf.org/newsletters/2016-spring.pdf and check out who is in the big blue box on page 2 (among others, the speaker at this year's hamfest DX banquet). This and others in the newsletter archive are good reads. Have a look!



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